

**Minnesota Board of Nursing
Education Committee Minutes**
June 4, 2014
Board of Nursing Conference Room
2829 University Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN

Members Present: Marilyn Krasowski, Julie Riportella (by phone), Diane Scott (by phone)

Absent: Jeanine Gangeness

Staff present: Mary Hoepfner

Call to order: 1:05 p.m. by Marilyn Krasowski

Agenda as presented was approved. Minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting were approved.

1. Review of BON rules: non-US educated applicants.

The committee reviewed the language of the 2011 Uniform Licensing Requirements (ULRs) and applicable sections of MR 6305.0400. The committee had reviewed the ULRs prior to the 2012 rule change; the rule is consistent with the ULR recommendations. It was noted that the requirements for applicants educated in Canada are different from those educated in other foreign countries. For applicants for licensure from countries other than Canada, the Board requires a credentials review. Prior to the rule revision completed in 2012, use of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) was specified in rule. The revised rules no longer specify a specific credentialing agency.

2. Status of NCSBN initiatives related to the Charge to the Committee

The 2014 Charge to the Committee is to review credentialing bodies with recommendation to the Board to assure non-US educated applicants' requirements are equivalent to US educated applicants' requirements. M. Hoepfner reported that the NCSBN review and revision of the resources on the credentialing of international nurses is still in process. It is anticipated to be completed late June. The committee identified that responsiveness to the public in terms of the credentials review process, accuracy of the review, and cost to applicants are elements to be considered for any agency the Board selects to engage in a credentials review process. It is anticipated that the NCSBN resources will contain additional criteria of importance to the committee's work.

M. Hoepfner reported that a review of NCSBN board profiles identified that 17 states and 2 jurisdictions provide applicants more than one option for completion of a credentials review. The committee directed staff to collect information regarding the alternative agencies used by these states and information about the number of applicants who require a credential review.

Meeting adjourned: 1:35 p.m.

Recorder: Mary Hoepfner